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[I think that's good, would be great to make live as soon as possible so we can start sharing the URL ... we'll be working on a new statement for release this afternoon and can update the page then.](#)

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Hi Sam and Jeff,

Below is the revised statement for the website? Can I go ahead and make it public? Do you have any revisions?

I will be able to make changes and make it live around noon.

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Please use this statement to replace what's currently there and make the page live

EPA is responding to a chemical spill at the U.S. Steel facility in Portage, Ind. This morning, the company reported a wastewater discharge to the Burns Waterway, within 100 yards of Lake Michigan. EPA has determined that the wastewater contains hexavalent chromium, a toxic byproduct of industrial processes. EPA is working with the company to contain the spill. At this time, it's not known how much has been spilled.

EPA is monitoring the waterway and Lake Michigan. This sampling does not show that the hexavalent chromium has reached Lake Michigan. EPA will continue to monitor and will provide updates as needed.

EPA is working closely with U.S. Steel and federal, state and local partners. In an abundance of caution, the nearest municipal water source, the Indiana American Water in Ogden Dunes, has shut down its water intake and will use reserve water. Also, the National Park Service has temporarily closed two beaches at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (see <https://www.nps.gov/indu/index.htm> for more information).

And there will be an updated statement later this morning. When will you be available to make the update?

Karen

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